

Tonbridge Town Sailing Club
Radio Controlled Yachting Information
&
Equipment Suggestions

Requirements

All TTSC club members sailing RCY's must join the Model Yachting Association (MYA). There is a charge to join the MYA, this is to cover their administration costs, boat registrations and provide public liability insurance for all its members whilst sailing. Currently [Jan 2026] this is £10 per annum. This is in addition to the TTSC RCY Membership Fee.

New TTSC RCY members are required to attend a brief induction with the class captain/committee member/safety officer to cover the rules and regulations, a lake orientation, and a safety briefing.

Life jackets and buoyancy aids - Members and their guests must provide and wear their own adequate buoyancy aids or lifejackets at all times when out on the water in the rescue boat/tender, and comply with Club Bylaws. Wetsuits do not constitute adequate personal buoyancy.

No duties will be required of RCY members, other than at RCY sessions [for example using the rowboat to take out and recover racing marker buoys]. However, the club welcomes volunteers to assist in the operation of the club generally. There is an option within the membership sign-on procedure to volunteer.

As an TTSC RCY member you will be entitled to use the TTSC facilities, including the canteen [when open], toilets, changing rooms and join in all social events at the club.

All members are encouraged to read the Tonbridge Town Sailing Club Articles of Association & Bylaws documents, which can be found in the Members Area section of the TTSC website, [here](#). [link to Members Area]

Also see more details on the TTSC RCY membership form which can be found in the “downloads” section, [here](#). [link to downloads/membership page]

Recommended Starter Models

For beginners, Ready-to-Run (RTR) yachts are ideal—they come pre-assembled and include everything you need:

- Joysway DragonForce 65 V8 RTR – A popular choice for beginners and racing enthusiasts. Compact (65 cm), easy to transport, and widely supported in UK clubs. Approx. £305
- Joysway DragonFlite 95 V3 RTR – A step up for those who want performance and competitive sailing. Approx. £431
- Volantex Compass RTR – Affordable and beginner-friendly, great for casual sailing. Approx. £130
- Joysway Caribbean Yacht RTR – Perfect entry-level yacht for fun sailing sessions. Approx. £57

Starter Kits & Essentials

If you prefer building your own, ARTR (Almost Ready-to-Run) kits are available, requiring minimal assembly and allowing customisation of servos and radio gear. Look for:

- DragonForce 65 V8 ARTR – For hobbyists who enjoy setup and tuning. Approx. £256
- Ready-to-Go Bundles – Complete kits with yacht, transmitter, batteries, and charger (ideal for beginners). Available from UK suppliers like Howes Models3

Tip: Choose models with waterproof electronics, smooth sail winches, and well-balanced keels for UK conditions.